

MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD

Monday, February 11, 2008 8:00 P.M. Town Hall Auditorium

Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen and Environmental Protection Commission and Board of Finance. Presentation of Draft Flood Mitigation Strategy.

Ms. Klein reviewed the past year's events. She mentioned that tonight's meeting is a joint meeting, and not a public hearing. Bob Steeger, Darien Public Works Director, then presented the draft flood mitigation strategy. This was a result of nine months work. He outlined the strategy elements, and noted that Darien has five watersheds. Mr. Steeger then outlined the estimated costs, including: topographic mapping; a drainage plan; and associated construction costs. The total estimated cost for all of the projects is 18.4 million dollars over the next five years. He explained how maintenance is now done on catch basins and in other critical areas.

Ms. Klein said that the next step is to move ahead, and to go back to each Board and Commission for a discussion and a vote on this draft flood mitigation strategy. She noted that the strategy is a roadmap for the Town. Mr. Steeger then answered questions regarding his presentation. Mr. Hutchison asked whether they need to know the invert for the modeling. Mr. Steeger responded that they need to know the invert for all of the major pipes. Mr. Morton noted that the Town is presently moving forward on several projects.

Ms. Klein then thanked the Mitigation Committee for all of their work. Mr. Conze acknowledged that this mitigation strategy a complicated project. He said that Ms. Klein and the Committee did a good job. There is now a need to manage the expectations. The regulatory process is partially outside of the Town's control (State and Federal permitting). At 8:45 P.M., Ms. Klein read the next agenda item:

Status Report on EPC draft Regulations.

Ms. Susan Cameron said that the draft Flood and Erosion Control Regulations are now on the Town web site. A public hearing will be held on March 19th. Ms. Klein noted that Mr. Steeger's Powerpoint presentation will be on the Town web site by tomorrow.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Jacobson